

Exploring Christianity over croissants and coffee

We are considering organising a Saturday morning opportunity to explore the basics of Christianity. This would be held in church and would be open to anyone who would like to come along, from those who would like to explore the basics of Christianity for the first time, to those who would like an opportunity to re-visit the basics. The proposed time would be 10-11am on a Saturday morning, possibly twice a month. Coffee and croissants would be provided and, if required, a crèche in the hall. If there is enough interest, we would be looking to start this in September. Please let us know if this is something that would interest you so we can plan. If you would like an opportunity to explore the basics of Christianity but wouldn't be able to make a Saturday morning, please do let us know so that we can try and arrange an alternative time. Either speak to Andrew (tel: 456184), John (tel: 435595) or Jane (tel: 434686 or email: jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

Please send notices for inclusion in this weekly sheet by 7pm Wed to deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk or ring Deirdre on 456184

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers.
If you are new here, please complete and detach this slip and give it to a warden or a sidesperson.

Name

Address

Tel.No.

Email address (if applicable)
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How to contact us

While a few telephone numbers of church members may be included in this web version of the notice sheet, most contact details for events are published only in the hard copy, available in church. If you have no access to this, please contact Deirdre Parr on 01462 456184 or e-mail deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

27th April 2014

St Mark's Day

Readings for today

Acts 15:35-41

Ephesians 4:7-16

Mark 13:5-13



: to be read in church

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)

Please remember in your prayers those named in the Prayer Request Book and on the Prayer Tree in church

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website: www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk



Hymns for 10.00am

329 AMNS	That Eastertide with joy was bright (vv 9-13)
259 JP	To God be the glory
81 AMNS	At the Lamb's high feast we sing
31 SF	This is Saint Mark
85 AMNS	Good Christian folk, rejoice and sing

Diary for the week

Mon 28 April	10.00am	Prayer Group meets at 172 Old Hale Way
Tues 29 April	8.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Church House
Wed 30 April	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir practice
	8.00pm	Deanery Synod at Holy Saviour
Thur 1 May	10.00am	Communion at Westmill Lawns
Fri 2 May	9.30am	Little Lions

Next Sunday, 4 May – Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
12.30pm	Baptism Service
2.00pm	Baptism Service

Notices

'Thank you' for Easter

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our observance of Holy Week and celebrations of Easter. Thank you to those who bravely took on new roles and to those who used their experience to enhance our worship and our church.

Taizé Service on 11 May at 6.30pm

We are once again holding a Taizé-style service in celebration of our Patronal Festival. It will also be an occasion to remember Christian Aid Week which begins that day. As in previous years, we are inviting members of other churches to join us both for the service and for tea and cake afterwards.

Welcomers at Baptisms

Over the course of the year we welcome more than 30 children and adults to baptism in St Mark's. Most of these baptism services happen on Sunday afternoons. We have a small team of baptism visitors who help support these families, but also welcome them into the church for the service. We could really do with a few more people who might be willing to act as welcomers at these services. If you would be willing to help welcome people at a baptism service, then please let Jane or Linda Sandy know. All offers will be gratefully received!

St Mark's Lent Appeal 2014 - Syrian refugees

Many thanks to all who have contributed so far to our Lent Appeal for Christian Aid's work among Syrian refugees - and a reminder, if you haven't, that today is the last opportunity to do so. The need continues to be as urgent as ever as no end to the conflict is in sight and an outbreak of polio has added to the dreadful situation. The plight of those who have left their homes for temporary accommodation in Syria itself or neighbouring countries is unimaginable and our aim is to help in the provision of food, water, medical care, sanitation and shelter. Gift envelopes are still available at the back of the church and you are invited to give cash or cheques made out to St Mark's Parish Church, also completing the gift aid form if you are a tax-payer. The envelopes can be returned via the normal Sunday offertory bags or to Jane or a warden. We will announce the result as soon as possible and, though of course it will be small when confronted with the massive need, the money will be well-used in practical ways and will be a sign of hope to those caught up in the tragedy.

European Parliamentary Election – Quiz the Candidates:

7.30 for 8.00pm, Thursday 8 May at Christchurch

Christian organisations in Brussels have prepared a useful leaflet with suggestions of topics to raise – see

<http://www.ecumenicalvoices2014.eu/>

Further details from Austin Smith. Also, if you would like to raise a particular question with the candidates, please let Austin know beforehand.